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Visits war refugees from the Middle East in Šid

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Women in Black activists Violeta Đikanović and Vahida Ramujkić with activists from Catalonia, IGMAN - Accio Solidaria visited a reception center for war refugees from the Middle East in Adaševci, Šid. From Belgrade, we brought help in fruits.

Together with the humanitarian organization REMAR from Spain we shared bananas to the refugees. Our friends took photographs of refugees, with their permission, but very quickly, the man who works at the Commissariat for Refugees, intervened in a brazen manner and told them that nothing can be photographed without the permission of the Commissariat. I asked him to give us a contact of the Commissariat to request permission. He gave us the contact and when we send the email, we found that he gave us the wrong address.

There was a small number of refugees (some 150), and we decided to go to Šid at the railway station. There exists another reception center. When we arrived, we saw only few refugees. It was very cold. Refugees are housed in a big house opposite to the railway station. The courtyard was empty. We spoke with a police officer who works at the border crossing and he told us that Croatia sending a train, when number of refugees at train station reaches 1000. It is also forbidden to take photographs without permission from Ministry of Interior of Serbia. Soon buses arrived, and about 200 people were escorted to the big house. They will take a rest for day or two until the train comes and take them further.

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